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Dear Hamilton Community,

We want to wish a warm welcome to the Class of 2028, and we are excited to see so many new faces join us on the Hill, some of whom we were happy to have contribute toward this smaller orientation edition. For those who have called campus home for a little bit longer, we are excited to have you back too!

The Spectator brings together campus stories and perspectives to create a detailed weekly publication. We present stories from six sections: news, opinion, sports, arts & entertainment, features and long-form investigative to cover a wide range of topics and events on and off campus. This semester, we will be working to provide additional forms of media to *The Spectator* name. If you are interested in journalism or getting more involved in the campus community, check out our QR code below! On Friday, we will be at the club fair at Dunham Green, so be sure to stop by to meet us, pick up an application and join the team.

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will be at the club fair this Friday, Sept. 6 at the Dunham green from 12p.m-2p.m.!

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Define Hamilton

Language at Hamilton is littered with all sorts of terms that an outsider probably would not understand. Here's a definitive guide to Hamilton slang, acronyms and abbreviations that should make you feel sufficiently well-versed when talking to your peers or professors.

"CAB"
The Campus Activity Board is a student organization that coordinates the Acoustic Coffeehouse series, comedy acts, concerts and more. CAB is basically responsible for the awesome nightlife that occurs on weekends.

"Diner B"
Not the alternative to Diner A that you might presume, Diner B is a Hamilton late night tradition. On weekend nights (Thurs. to Sat.), the diner stays open to the wee hours in the morning (3 a.m.) to provide greasy breakfast food for late-night revelers. Bacon mess and tots, you can't go wrong.

"Cloccer/Clockey/club sports"
Slang for names for club sports teams. Many combine the C from club sports with the rest of the sport name.

"Gray side"
Everyone who is left out of the dark side/ light side battle. This includes Bundy, Wertimer ("Wert"), Wallace Johnson House ("Wally J"), Skenandoa ("Sken"), 100 College Hill Road, and a couple others.

"G Road or Groad"
Griffin Road, location of student townhouse apartment complexes toward the northwest end of campus. Some professors also live on this road. Bike-riding down G Road on a fall afternoon is serene.

"HAVOC"
Hamilton Association for Volunteering, Outreach and Charity: facilitates a number of different community service sites, as well as the annual Make a Difference Day and puppies for finals.

"Jans"
Short for "January admits," they are the first-year students admitted for the spring semester. Most of them spend the semester abroad in London. Jans are cool.

"Dark side" / "Light side"
Past the boundaries of the Admissions Office, no one other than the professors refers to the "South" and "North" side of campus as such. Students will literally have no idea what you're talking about if you do. The Kirkland campus is the "dark side" and the Hamilton campus is the "light side".

"Root"
Thanks to the generous generations of the Root family, "Root" might refer to any one of the four buildings on campus or a glen. But your best bet is the dark side dormitory named Root Hall. There is also the other Root Hall, the Molly Root House, and the Elihu Root House.

"Dov"
Sadove Student Center is located at the center of campus and houses student activities, such as WHCL and the media suite. Swing by the third floor to get crafty.

"The Glen"
While Hamilton slang can sometimes be pretty specific, when someone says, "Meet me in the glen later," it's the equivalent of them asking to meet you on the dark side (see above). When generally referred to in this manner, the "glen" is usually the connected glens of Kirkland and Root. Root Glen, the smaller of the two, is part of the Hamilton arboretum and is a bit more like a garden or an easy stroll with benches. The Kirkland Glen, on the other hand, has miles of trails that allow for hiking and running.

"Mons"
Commons dining hall, lightside.

"*The Spec*"
Yours truly, *The Spectator* newspaper.

"The Bank"
Milbank residence hall, located right next to Kirner Johnson Academic Building, features suites of six to eight students. Usually, four of the rooms are singles and one is a double. appearance there soon. It's a scene.

"KJ"
Kirner Johnson Academic Building, a dark side academic building where many humanities, government and economic courses take place.

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Meet the class of 2028

Deniz Beskok

Home on Campus: Dunham
Home: Istanbul, Turkey
High School: Westlake High School
Intended Major(s): International Relations
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited to study in London first semester and meet new people once I settle into campus in January.

Maxwell Gold

Home on Campus: Wally J
Home: Delmar, NY
High School: Bethlehem Central High School
Intended Major(s): Undecided
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited to get involved in clubs and activities on campus.

Sierra Ducharme

Home on Campus: Dunham
Home: Rouses Point, NY
High School: Northeastern Clinton Central School
Intended Major(s): Chemistry
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited to explore my interests and to meet new people

Ava Garcia

Home on Campus: Dunham
Home: Miami, FL
High School: Miami Palmetto Senior High School
Intended Major(s): English
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited for the change in weather and to meet new people.

Shannon Haines

Home on Campus: Keehn
Home: Rye, NY
High School: Rye High School
Intended Major(s): English Literature
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited to explore my various interests with the open curriculum!

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Meet the class of 2028

Ronan Halpin

Home on Campus: North
Home: Wymouth, MA
High School: Boston College High School
Intended Major(s): Psychology
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited for independence.

Home on Campus: Wally J
Home: Buffalo, NY
High School: Kenmon West High School
Intended Major(s): Undecided
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited to take interesting classes.

Nora Kiel

Home on Campus: Major
Home: Holland, PA
High School: Council Rock South High School
Intended Major(s): Creative Writing
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited to learn about things I'm passionate about, like poetry!

Connor Havelka

Dylan Rich

Home on Campus: Dunham
Home: Middle of Nowhere, MN
High School: St. Michael-Albertville High School
Intended Major(s): Creative Writing and History
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited for the Citrus Bowl and getting to start my adventure on College Hill.

Chris Xia

Home on Campus: North
Home: Shanghai, China
High School: The Pennington School
Intended Major(s): History and Government
What are you most excited about for Hamilton?: I am excited to meet new friends and participate in clubs. on campus.

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One dorm, four stories: the Jan student experience during orientation

by Deniz Beskok '28
ORIENTATION CONTRIBUTOR

Starting university can be a big transition for any student. The new environment, the sense of leaving one's family and a heightened personal responsibility all pose challenges for students to settle into their lives on campus. The orientation period gives every student the opportunity to overcome these challenges and start their college experience by seeking out new friendships as well as having to cope with a limited variety and quality of food. Once the five-day orientation program ends, Hamilton freshmen return to their dorms with exciting stories of their adventures and prepare themselves for the start of the school year.

But what about the Jan, or January Admit, experience? For two nights—at the start and end of orientation—I was placed in a quad along with three other Jan admits. On our first night, we introduced ourselves by first sharing what we are doing in the Fall semester. While I had planned on going to London with a partner program, all four of us had different plans. One person was traveling to Australia to conduct a study on local trees with another partner program, while someone else was going to Tanzania. My last dormmate had planned to stay close to home and pursue a job for the first semester.

As different as our fall programs were, our experiences at orientation also differed. Being a Jan admit, coming to campus for a week and then leaving the relationships we formed has certainly not been easy. But so was finding our place within the freshmen class at Hamilton.

"It was hard to talk to people who are not Jans," says Annika Haile '28, a passionate advocate for environmental justice. "Once people learn I'm a Jan, the conversation instantly becomes only about me and what I'm doing in the fall."

While it will certainly be interesting to see how the Jan admits adapt to campus life and the academics in January, the diversity of outlets this opportunity provides is a good representation of what it means to be a Hamilton student: to pursue countless different experiences, guided by student agency, both in and outside of the campus.

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The Journalism Orientation group poses on their trip. Students interested in journalism on campus had the opportunity to write articles for *The Spectator*. They spent their orientation week learning about local reporting.

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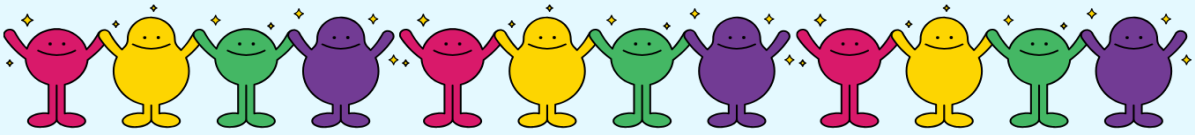
Senior Advice for Freshmen (That's not just *work hard and have fun*)

- Explore the glen
- Take lots of pictures (the end of year photo dump won't populate itself)
- Join something so you answer "what do you do on campus?"
- Never do laundry on a Sunday
- Keep the fact that you live in Bristol to yourself, sorry :(
- Don't linger in the dining hall during rush hour
- Start connecting on LinkedIn —the road to 500+ is long
- Live in a quad at least once (it's one hack to avoid Bundy)
- Always say hi and be polite to campus staff
- If a professor says you can use their first name, it's okay, you can use it
- If you don't find your people right away, don't panic! Things will align
- Respect your elders, of course



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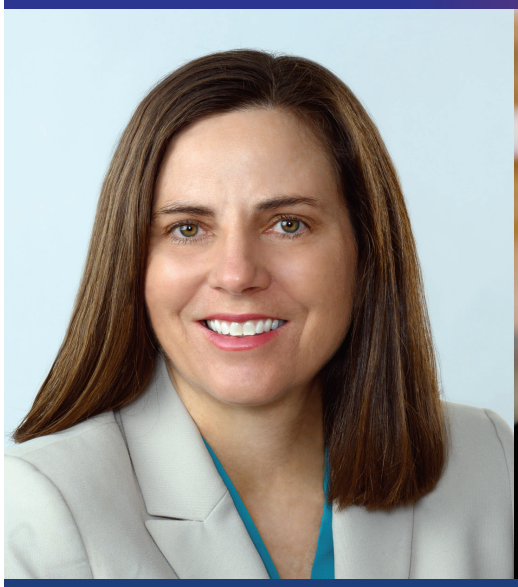

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